

RECORD BROKEN.

New Albany Hibernians Have
Inaugurated a Wonder-
ful Revival.

Twenty-Seven Applications for
Membership Received
Last Sunday.

Will Have a Grand Initiation in
January With Fifty
Candidates.

ARRANGING FOR AN ENTERTAINMENT.

The Hibernians of New Albany held one of the most enthusiastic and spirited meetings in the history of the order in that city last Sunday afternoon at the hall of Division 1. For some time before President Dan Walsh called the assembly to order the members were arriving in twos and threes, and the quiet conferences held between the different groups indicated that some matters of an unusual nature would be presented for consideration. James M. O'Hara, John Welch and James Higgins were on hand early to welcome members and visitors, and their exceeding good humor was a fore-runner of the pleasant surprises to follow.

When President Walsh called for order at 2:30 the hall was filled, and for two hours business was transacted rapidly. After the reading of the minutes and various communications a resolution was adopted that the members of the division all receive holy communion on Sunday morning, December 24.

The first pleasant surprise was the announcement that there were no bills nor sick claims pending against the division, and Chairman James Russell reported that the special committee arranging for an entertainment in the near future were making good progress with hopes of preparing a programme that would surpass anything heretofore presented in Southern Indiana. The date and details will be announced at the meeting to be held in January.

A communication from Patrick Ford, of New York, soliciting contributions for the United Irish League fund was received and filed.

The greatest interest centered in the report of the special membership committee. The Chairman mentioned the receipt of a circular from the State President and the appointment of a committee at the last meeting to carry out his suggestions. The members selected for the work were James O'Hara, Chairman; John Winn, Secretary; and James Russell, John P. Flynn, Patrick Kennedy, John Welch, Michael Welch, Dan Walsh, Moses Doyle, John A. Murphy. President Walsh said the committee had set a good example for the other members to follow.

Chairman James O'Hara prefaced the report of the committee with some timely and interesting remarks, and as the Secretary continued to read the list of names of applicants the enthusiasm increased, until when the twenty-seventh was reached it knew no bounds. The report stated the work had only just begun, as at least that many more names had been promised. Were all members to lend their aid they might reasonably look for the initiation of at least one hundred new members at the January meeting.

It was decided that from now on the membership committee should meet at the hall every Tuesday evening, where those having applications will report, in order that all may be initiated at the next regular meeting. A special meeting of the division will take place Thursday evening, January 11, to further the work, and all are urged to be present. The work being done by this division breaks the record, at least in this section of the country, and the officers and members are certainly deserving of the greatest praise. President Walsh allotted each member a share of the work for the next month, which was distributed in a most satisfactory manner.

Among the visitors were Messrs. John Thornton, of Edwardsville; President Will Reilly, of Jeffersonville, and Secretary John Cavanaugh, of Division 3, this city, all of whom congratulated their New Albany brethren on the great revival in progress and extended invitations to visit their respective divisions.

Before adjourning it was decided to visit Division 1 of this city Tuesday evening. Much regret was expressed at the absence of Secretary Flynn, who was out of the city.

Quite a number of names were also added to the subscription list of the Kentucky Irish American. The meeting was one of the most interesting yet attended by our representatives.

MACKIN COUNCIL ECHOES.

Owing to the near approach of Christmas there has been a small attendance at the club rooms, usually the case after the election of officers.

The members are jubilant over the pool table added to their new house. It has been neatly covered by Messrs. Harlow and Hoey, and it is now a case of come early with all or get no pool game. How would you like to the coffee man? Ask James Hoey.

The boys are all wondering where John Schulten spends his time now. He states he goes to Nineteenth and Broadway. They would like to know the gat-

of the happy event, that they may be ready with congratulations.

Frank Morgan is in mourning. He has been telling the boys he wished Barney Dreyfus had been executed in France, so that we might have a chance for having a base ball team. He is quite a fan.

Barney Dawson is going to get his wheelbarrow ride either next Tuesday or Wednesday night. The ride is the result of an election bet, and Dan Schreiber is the victim. The parade will form at Twenty-sixth and Bank, and all politicians are invited to attend. Tom Burkholder and Gus Weber have to pay the same wager, which evidently will not materialize. The former fears that a certain young lady might see him, when it would be all over with Tommie.

WILLIAM HURLEY.

Was One of the Most Promi-
nent Nationalists in
Tipperary.

We deeply regret to announce the death of William Hurley, of Tipperary, which occurred on Monday at his residence in the town, says the Dublin Independent. Mr. Hurley was for a great many years Chairman of the Tipperary Town Commissioners, was to the time of his death a member of the Tipperary Urban Council, and was extensively engaged in the wholesale butter trade. He was one of the most prominent Nationalists in the County Tipperary, a man of exceptional intellectual capacity and untiring energy, and always foremost in bringing these fine qualities to bear on any movement for the forwarding of the national cause. He was a sturdy fighter for his political principles and took a leading part in the campaign in connection with New Tipperary. In a practical and self-sacrificing way he gave his garden as portion of the site for New Tipperary and of course financially he lost heavily over the scheme. He was always a constant and unwavering follower of Charles Stewart Parnell. At the time of the betrayal he was one of the first to declare his continued support of the great Irish leader, and he never once lost faith in the principles of Parnell. Whenever Parnell was anywhere in the neighborhood of the town, or even of the County of Tipperary, Hurley never failed to meet and heartily welcome the chief. And never since Parnell's death was he absent from any of the great demonstrations in perpetuation of his memory.

The death of Mr. Hurley, which has evoked widespread regret, is a sad loss to the cause of independent nationality throughout Ireland, but more especially in the county where he exercised so powerful an influence for political and public advancement. Patrick O'Brien, M. P., on behalf of the Independent National Parliamentary party, sent a telegram of sympathy with the widow and family of the deceased.

DASTARDLY OUTRAGE.

Miss Rose Hayden Assaulted
and Robbed While
Going Home.

One of the most dastardly outrages committed in this city for a long time was perpetrated last Wednesday night upon Miss Rose Hayden and her mother while they were on their way home from a meeting of the Catholic Knights and Ladies of America.

This is only one of the many assaults and robberies that have happened in this city, and all because of the lack of enough policemen. The beats assigned patrolmen outside the business portion of the city are altogether too large, and until more men are appointed the unsuspecting and defenseless will be at the mercy of the footpad.

The ladies had reached Nineteenth and Magazine streets, when a masked man sprang out from the shadow and dashed the contents of a bottle of ammonia in the elder woman's face, who fell to the ground almost insensible from pain. Then quick as flash he grappled Miss Rosa, covering her with a revolver. Though she was no match her assailant she fought pluckily, but the culprit threw her to the ground and wrested her pocketbook from her, quickly disappearing in the darkness.

Had the robbery occurred a few minutes later the culprit might have been apprehended, as Mike Doerhoefer came along and gave chase, but was too late. He assisted the ladies to their home on Nineteenth street, near Chestnut. The police were notified and a description given of the robber, who has not yet been apprehended.

Mrs. Hayden was prostrated from the fright and for a time her condition was regarded as serious, but at last accounts she was out of danger. That the robbery was premeditated no one doubts, and all hope the guilty one may yet be caught. Miss Hayden is a highly esteemed young lady and her friends regret exceedingly the misfortune that has befallen her.

HENRY HEWITT'S BERTH.

Henry Hewitt, for a number of years with the Todd-Donigan Iron Company, and one of the most popular young men in this city, left Tuesday evening for Nova Scotia, the Dominion Steel Company, the biggest concern of the kind in the country, having made him a flattering offer. While rejoicing over his success his many friends all regret his departure from Louisville.

All Irishmen should subscribe for the Kentucky Irish American.

CHAMBERLAIN.

His Country Execrates Him For
the War Into Which He
Plunged It.

Colonial Secretary Has Not One
Friend Outside of His
Family.

Traitor to Home Rule Will Meet
With Hostile Reception
in Ireland.

HIS FALL EVOKES NO SYMPATHY.

Each succeeding day brings to light additional evidence that the war now being prosecuted by England against the Boers is an unholy one and instituted, as Michael Davitt said, only for murder and plunder. Englishmen are now beginning to see Chamberlain in his true character, and the correspondent of the New York World thus pictures the situation as it now exists in London, which will prove depressing reading to our Anglo-Saxon maniacs:

Public sentiment on the war is undergoing a marked change. The gravity of the situation in South Africa is now recognized. The struggle is expected to be protracted, and its outcome even doubtful. This does not weaken the resolve to see it through, but alters the aspect in which the Ministers responsible for the war are viewed.

Yesterday there was a Cabinet meeting, but cheering crowds were absent and the assembling Ministers were watched only by a few press men. The West End is unusually crowded with society people, but depression reigns supreme. Last night the dining room at the Carlton was crowded with fashionable women, beautifully dressed, but instead of merry peals of laughter and the customary gay chatter prevailing the silence at times was almost funereal. At the outset the war got into the heads of the people; now it has reached their hearts.

Colonial Secretary Joseph Chamberlain has been dethroned. His reception by his colleagues at yesterday's Cabinet meeting was remarkably cool. Cancellation of the Exchequer Beach is said to have asked Lord Salisbury whether Chamberlain's triple alliance speech was made with his foreknowledge. This put Chamberlain on the defense, but he found no support. Lord Salisbury can not unload Chamberlain in the thick of the present crisis. But the stories run that they never will forgive him for the humiliation he has brought upon the country and themselves. This bitterness is accentuated by his responsibility for the calamitous war into which, it is now realized, he rushed the country with criminal recklessness.

Chamberlain shows consciousness of his shaky position. In the spring he was offered an honorary degree by Dublin University, but he excused himself from traveling to Dublin to take it owing to the pressure of official work. He has now volunteered to take the degree on the 18th, although the work is heavier than ever. He thinks the ceremonial will assist in rehabilitating him, but it is quite likely to have an opposite effect.

The Irish Transvaal Committee is arranging a hostile reception for him, and if Chamberlain shows himself in public there certainly will be disturbances. This will be his first visit to Ireland since he deserted Gladstone and home rule.

By strange irony this week Chamberlain attained the summit of his fanciful ambition by securing the coveted prize for a hybrid, his own production and the result of eighteen anxious years of experiments. He christened the orchid "Chamberlainiana triumphans," a particularly unhappy inspiration at this moment. Nor are his troubles solely political. He looks unhealthy and ages rapidly. His temper is becoming uncontrollable. In addition he has suffered heavy financial losses through unfortunate manufacturing speculations into which he put his sons.

From being worth \$100,000 to \$150,000 a year, his income is now reduced to a point at which his Cabinet salary of \$25,000 becomes a consideration. Chamberlain has always been pitilessly selfish in the pursuit of his own personal ambitions, so his fall evokes no sympathy. He is not known to have a solitary personal friend on earth outside of his family.

TEMPLE'S GREAT OFFERING.

Col. Meffert has arranged for the production next week of "The Power of Money," a successful melo-drama and one of the best produced in the last decade. The play is one of intense interest and power and the scenes are spectacular. Among them are the interior of Mammoth Cave in Kentucky, the Horsehoe Bend on the Pennsylvania railroad, the levee at New Orleans and the big railroad wreck. The story of the play is as follows: Gen. Wordsley sells his New York property and invests in United States bonds. The General's daughter and the Chaplain-prisoner fall in love. Joel Carruthers, Aide to the General, also loves the daughter and resolves to win her and gain the bonds. He plots to wreck the General's special train and the General is killed. The Chaplain, arrested on the charge of murder, is released. Carruthers renews his

advances but the girl accuses and scorns him. He plots to abduct her, but the Chaplain's brother John, who is the engineer, rescues her. Jeanne's friends, the operatic artists, induce her to go on the stage. They play a matinee at Mammoth Cave, where State convicts are at work. Carruthers is in charge of the gang and connives with the Sheriff's guards. He then forces Cora to trace out in her clairvoyant state where the General has concealed the bonds, and appears with the money, but is stopped by John, the engineer, who is worsted in the fight which ensues. The villain is met by the Chaplain, when they engage in a knife duel in which the villain is killed, the bonds secured and all ends well.

INDIANA VISITORS.

Unexpected Visit from New
Albany Hibernians Tues-
day Night.

The members of Division 1 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of this city, staid and sober men all, were caught off their guard and treated to a pleasant surprise by a visiting committee from Division 1, of New Albany, headed by County President Patrick Kennedy, Secretary James O'Hara, Michael Welch, John Winn and John Welch, who came over to witness the new ceremony and invite their Louisville brethren to be with them in January.

The attendance was not up to the usual number, but an unusual amount of business was transacted. Patrick J. Liston was initiated, President Tom Keenan exemplifying the new form in a most impressive manner.

The question of consolidation submitted by the County Board was ably discussed, John Mulloy and President Keenan arguing that thus the members would become more strongly united, and also that after the consolidation Hibernians could sooner take steps toward the erection of a hall for their own use. The plan suggested met with the approval of the division, which gives the movement quite a boom.

The committee having charge of the drawing up of a new form of initiation, not having completed their labors, were given till the next meeting to make a report.

County President Kennedy and O'Hara, of New Albany, addressed the meeting, telling of the work done in Hibernian circles in New Albany.

The largest membership of any similar body in Indiana, but owing to the panic and the removal of many mills and factories they had fallen off. During the month of December a determined effort was being made to bring it up to its former proud standing with bright prospects of success, as they were sure of initiating between fifty and one hundred members at the meeting to be held in Trinity Hall on the second Sunday in January. They invited their Louisville brethren to be present and make the event one memorable in the history of local Hibernianism. Michael Welch, John Welch and John Winn also made short talks, and all expressed themselves as pleased with the manner in which Division 1 conducts its initiations.

President Keenan responded, accepting the invitation, and promised to be present with a large delegation.

Other visitors were Lawrence Mackey and Frank Cunningham, who were given a hearty welcome. They expressed themselves as enthusiastically for consolidation, and urged all present to visit the Young Men's Division.

COON OPERA.

Young People to Appear at
Avenue Hall Monday
Night.

Barney Dawson has made all the arrangements for the presentation of his coon opera at the Avenue Hall, Twenty-sixth and Portland avenue, Monday evening, which promises to provoke more mirth and laughter than any amateur performance ever seen here.

Mr. Dawson, who is a comedian of exceptional merit, will assume the leading role in an original laughable farce entitled "Foolism and Coonism," and will be assisted by the following well-known people: Misses Bee Mullarkey, Edna Jones, Belle Wetzelberger, Clara Bird, and Messrs. Pirrman, Jones, Geisler, Yocum and Shaughnessy.

Miss Clara Bird and Will Shaughnessy will present a one-act comedy entitled "Who Eat Schreiber's Lunch?" which is expected to produce a real sensation in the West End. A number of pleasing specialties will also be introduced.

GOOD STREET WORK.

Contractors Edward Lee and James M. O'Hara have just completed the paving of Market street, New Albany, with vitrified brick, and it is pronounced the best piece of street work yet done in any of the Falls Cities. Many leading citizens have watched with interest the progress of this latest improvement, and will favor its extension next spring. Messrs. Lee and O'Hara are practical men, and the indications are that they will be awarded all the work they can do during the next year, as New Albany is now experiencing a new era of prosperity.

The Mammoth Cave will be seen at the Temple Theater next week.

ANNUAL BANQUET.

Catholic Club Celebrated at the
Louisville Hotel Mon-
day Night.

Hon. Edward J. McDermott
Elected President for the
Ensuing Year.

Patriotic Responses to Toasts
by Prominent Clergymen
and Citizens.

THEY MADE MERRY UNTIL MIDNIGHT.

Last Monday night the Catholic Club of this city held its annual banquet at the Louisville Hotel, and the feast was pronounced the most enjoyable in the society's history. For some years past it has been the custom of the club to banquet its members and friends, and upon this occasion oratory flowed and good fellowship prevailed to the fullest possible extent. The members and guests gathered around the festal board made merry with speech-making, song and story until midnight. The company embraced many of Louisville's best citizens and the oratory was of the highest order and patriotic throughout.

Dr. J. W. Fowler, the retiring President, officiated as toastmaster, responding to "Our Country." His address, while not long, was well received and elicited much applause.

Rev. Father Charles P. Raffo had as his theme "The Catholic Church," a subject for which he is particularly suited. His remarks were very impressive and related to the many good works of the church in this country and the bright future before it. The reverend gentleman maintained his fame and added new laurels to his reputation as an orator.

"The Catholic Club and Its Work" was the toast responded to by Hon. Edward J. McDermott, who paid a glowing tribute to the club and its past officers, pledging his best efforts to its future success. He was at his best and made perhaps the most pleasing address of the evening.

"The Convert" was responded to by Herman Just, of Cairo, while extemporaneous addresses were made by Rev. Father Ackerman, Hon. Matt O'Doherty and J. W. Jenkins, each of whom contributed much to the merriment of the occasion.

During the evening the election of officers for the ensuing year took place with the following result:

President—Edward J. McDermott.
Recording Secretary—J. W. Jenkins.
Financial Secretary—G. A. Burkley.
Treasurer—James J. Hines.

Mr. McDermott, who succeeds Dr. J. W. Fowler, was elected by acclamation, and the club in honoring him also honored itself. The prospects for this organization were never brighter than now, as all its officers are men of the strictest integrity and ability.

DEATH OF MRS. FLYNN.

The announcement of the death of Mrs. Rosa Flynn, which occurred at her home, 2520 St. Cecilia street, Sunday morning, was a shock to her many friends throughout the city. She had been a resident of the West End for many years, where she was well known for her many amiable qualities, great charity and devotion to her church. She is survived by three sons, Bernard, Thomas and Patrick Flynn, all prominent members of Mackin Council, and they have the sympathy of all in their sad bereavement. The funeral took place from St. Cecilia's church Tuesday morning and was largely attended.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY.

The Holy Name Society of St. Louis Bertrand's church attended 6 o'clock mass and received communion last Sunday, about 130 men being present. Rev. Father Logan addressed them after mass, saying that he was much gratified at the large attendance and hoped that the good work would continue. There will be an election of officers for the ensuing year at the next meeting.

RECOVERY DOUBTFUL.

Michael McDonald, who has been confined to his home at 923 Baird street for the past nine weeks, suffering from an attack of pneumonia, is reported in a critical condition, with the chances against his recovery. He is a popular young man, only twenty-years old, for several years past employed by the Louisville Packing Company.

CATHOLIC KNIGHTS.

Branch 24, Catholic Knights of America, will hold an important meeting Tuesday evening, when the annual election of officers will take place, and all members are urged to be present. This branch will approach holy communion in a body at the Dominican church Sunday morning, December 24.

MISS DWYER BETTER.

Mrs. Josephine Dwyer, who has been seriously ill of typhoid fever for the past ten days, was this week removed to Sts. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital, since when

her condition has been slowly improving. Her many friends regret her misfortune, this being the second attack of the dread disease.

SELECT DANCE.

The Juanita Club, composed of young men well known in the West End, has issued invitations for another of its delightful dances, to be given at Dinwiddie's Hall Tuesday evening. The officers are: President, William R. Hallinan; Vice President, S. J. McBride; Secretary, Frank Poutch; Treasurer, Edward Lockwood. Those favored with invitations should not fail to attend, as an enjoyable time is assured.

BANQUETED.

Aquinas Union Entertains Its
Lady and Gentlemen
Friends.

Last Monday evening the Aquinas Union entertained its members and the ladies and gentlemen who participated in the late entertainment at the Union's rooms on Sixth street. In the absence of President Richard Edele, Vice President John Bell called the guests to their places at the banquet table, groaning under the weight of all the delicacies of the season.

Mr. John Crotty, who officiated as toastmaster, opened the festivities with a fine address, thanking the members of the dramatic club for their labors in behalf of the Aquinas Union, during which he presented the director, Mr. Henry W. Newman, with a beautiful pair of diamond stud cuff buttons as a testimonial of the appreciation of his services. Mr. Newman was so deeply moved that he was only able to express his sincere thanks to the society for his kindness.

Toasts were responded to and impromptu speeches made by Messrs. Eugene Conney, M. D. Fitzgibbons, Will Hendricks, Richard Walsh, Harry Crotty, Thomas Casey, Michael Walsh, Thomas Muldoon, L. Durrett and Frank G. Cunningham. Among the ladies responding were Misses Lillian Curley, A. Walsh, M. Ahearn, Lottie Bronner, Katie Lannin, Mary Monahan and Augusta Speith.

After doing ample justice to the bounteous spread before them the merry guests dispersed, wishing the greatest success to the popular Limerick society.

SPARRING CONTESTS.

Interesting and Lively Bouts
at Music Hall Thursday
Night.

Tommy Hogan, of New York, who made a very favorable impression here during the past year, has been matched to meet Jimmy Maxwell, the promising young Californian, before the Nonpareil Athletic Club at Music Hall Thursday evening. They will meet at 133 pounds and will fight twenty rounds. This event should draw a large house. Kid Hennessy, the game Limerick boy, will meet Kid St. Claire in a six-round bout for a purse, winner take all. These youngsters have been wanting to meet for some time, and a rattling preliminary is looked for, many believing they will put up a more interesting fight than the big ones.

LIMERICK FISHERMEN.

At a largely attended meeting of fishermen held in the Town Hall, Limerick, the Mayor presiding, the following resolution was proposed by P. Liddy, seconded by M. Hayes, and passed unanimously: "Resolved, That we desire to point out to the Commission at present inquiring into the decline of Ireland's fisheries the necessity of holding a sitting in Limerick; that we direct the President's attention to the fact that this is an important center of the industry; that we, the fishermen, have large interests—we might say vital interests—at stake; that for want of means we are unable to attend to any inquiry held in Dublin; that our evidence as practical men who have spent all our lifetime at fishing would materially assist the Commission in framing its report, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the Commission and to the press."

GUBBINS ON MUSIC.

Members and friends of Division 7 of Minneapolis were hosts Monday evening at a successful social given in Klatler's Hall. The musical programme was as excellent as it was varied, including both vocal and instrumental numbers. After listening to melody so pleasant the audience was in an appreciative mood for the address on "Music," by J. C. Gubbins. "Without music," said he, "our lives would be unhappy and incomplete. Music plays an important part in the ceremonial of the church; music inspires the soldier in battle; it lulls the babe to slumber; its influence is as wide as the universe. Without music dancing would be impossible; without it our theaters would be less attractive; without it home loses much of its brightness. Among the pleasant memories of Ireland are the fiddle and the harp."

RECOVERING FROM INJURIES.

Mrs. Catherine Nolan, who three weeks ago fell down the stairs at the home of her son, John Nolan, 611 Roselane, and sustained the fracture of two ribs, is now pronounced out of danger. Owing to her advanced age serious results were for a time looked for.

Bring us your job printing.

LAID TO REST.

Father Ernest Audran Relieved
From His Long Suffering
Monday Evening.

While the Angelus Rang the
Soul of the Pioneer Priest
Passed Away.

Had Labored Untiringly in
Jeffersonville for Thirty-
one Years.

MANY PRIESTS ATTEND FUNERAL.

While the Angelus was ringing last Sunday evening the soul of Rev. Father Ernest Audran, the beloved pioneer priest of Southern Indiana, took its flight heavenward, and the venerable prelate was relieved from his earthly sufferings, after an illness of several months' duration, and although the end had been anticipated for some days previous the announcement cast a feeling of gloom in every home in the city of Jeffersonville, where he officiated as pastor of St. Augustine's church for the past thirty-one years.

Father Audran was one of the best known priests in this section of the country, having lived in Southern Indiana since he came from France a youth over sixty years ago. He studied for the priesthood and was ordained by special dispensation in 1846 by Bishop Hallandiere, his uncle, when only twenty-two years old, being the youngest clergyman in the diocese. For nearly twenty-three years Father Audran was rector of the Cathedral at Vincennes, then the most important church in the diocese, writes Edward Fitzpatrick. He was familiar with the early history of the settlement of the Northwest Territory and aided several historians in searching the old records in the Cathedral, some of them going back long before Indiana was organized as a State or even a Territory. When he first began his labors he on sick calls frequently on horseback far as Peoria, Ill., and the Indiana. He did not leave the reservations in Northern Indiana. Indianapolis was a village and Vincennes was a city in the State.

In 1868 Father Audran was ordered by his Bishop to go to Jeffersonville, which was then poorly supplied with Catholic clergymen. There were no parochial schools connected with the congregation, and the church itself consisted of four bare brick walls. Father Audran was given a residence by his bishop, but he moved out of it to allow it to be used as a school. Since 1868 he had made vast improvements, building up his church and school, and although two floods caused much distress among his parishioners he was able to accomplish much. The funeral services were held Wednesday morning at St. Augustine's church, which was incapable of holding the immense throngs that came to pay their tribute of respect to the memory of the clergyman. Solemn requiem mass was celebrated by Monsignor Bessonnes, Vicar-General of the diocese, with Rev. Edward Clark, for nearly a year Father Audran's assistant, as deacon, and Father Donohue, of Indianapolis, but formerly of Jeffersonville, and a great favorite of the deceased, as sub-deacon. Monsignor Bessonnes, the celebrant of the mass, is eighty-one years old, and was the first resident priest in Jeffersonville. The services were the most solemn and impressive of the Catholic church, and within the chancel were about fifty priests, many being from Louisville and Kentucky.

Coadjutor Bishop O'Donoghue, of Indianapolis, delivered a touching funeral sermon, in which he dwelt feelingly on the life and duties of a Catholic priest, and said that he was the guardian of the morals and religion of his parishioners. He was necessarily put through a severe training to prepare for the duties he would be called upon to perform. The vocation of a priest is different from that of other professional men. Their failure means injury only to themselves, but the priest can not afford to lose a single case, for the loss is irreparable, and a soul dead in sin can not be recalled to spiritual life. Bishop O'Donoghue also said that the best eulogy of the deceased priest was the work he had accomplished.

At the conclusion of the services in the church the casket containing the remains was placed in the hearse, and preceded by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Catholic Knights of America and Roman Knights of St. George, and followed by a long line of hacks containing the visiting clergy, parishioners and citizens, the funeral cortege proceeded to St. Augustine's cemetery, where the remains of Father Audran were consigned to mother earth. Each of the clergy threw a handful of earth into the grave, and then the litany for the dead was chanted.

The honorary pall-bearers were Maurice Coll, William McAluliffe, Augustus Doble, Thomas Donohue, Pierce Cowman, James W. Sweeney.

Those who officiated actively were John B. Murphy, Dennis O'Hearn, James B. Lsherty, Redmond Stanton, Martin Fugarty and Michael J. Kehoe.

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CHRISTMAS.

The festive and gladsome Christmas season will soon be with us, and the hustle and bustle and unwonted preparations on every hand are evidence that there is to be no lack of joyousness in its celebration. Of all the seasons and festivals of the year this is the most beautiful, and it is so essentially a holiday time for children. As it is the birth of a little child we commemorate, so it is to the little ones that our hearts first turn in thinking of this festive day. Our minds are carried back thousands of years ago, to what the poet so beautifully describes:

"Ere peaceful was the night
Wherein the Prince of Light
His reign of peace upon the earth began."

In imagination we can see the stable and the poor surroundings of the Infant, and shudderingly we think of our own near and dear tots, and as if to make in some manner a sort of reparation for the inhospitality of that rude period we shower upon them all that we possibly can think of to make them happy and devise ways and means to make them remember this holy season.

The commemoration of December 25 has come down to us from ages, and each heart responds to the joyousness that is in the air. Each heart on Christmas morn echoes back the words, "Peace on earth, good will to men," till it would seem there could be no place for war but peace and charity in

Christmas will be celebrated with unusual rejoicing. Good times prevail all over the country; money is more plentiful and Santa Claus, that dear old man revered in every child's heart, will be more generous than ever. It is a season of mutual expressions of good will between friends, and all cares are for the nonce laid aside. But it is not only the material side, but the spiritual, which should appeal most strongly to us. Nineteen hundred years ago the shepherds watching their flocks by night heard the celestial music and knew that some untoward event was taking place. The three wise men in the East had followed the guiding star and brought their fragrant offerings to lay before the King of kings. We should also bring our offerings by remembering Christ's lowly ones of earth, whom we have always with us—the poor. They should be presented, as far as we are able, not only with substantial gifts, but with dolls and toys that delight and gladden the hearts and minds of the unfortunate little ones, who but for their neighbors' generosity would see no difference between this day and any other. Remembering that it was a little Babe who delivered us from bondage, we can with lightened hearts turn to the material enjoyment of the day, and while the bells peal forth the joyous tidings, these words recur to us and keep ringing in our hearts:

"It is the calm and solemn night!
A thousand bells ring out and throw
Their joyous peals abroad, and smite
The darkness—charmed and holy now.
The night that erst no shame had worn,
To it a happy name is given;
For in that stable lay new-born
The peaceful Prince of earth and heaven
In the solemn midnight
Centuries ago!"

AMERICAN FEDERATION.

The American Federation of Labor assembled in convention in Detroit, but did not get down to real work till Thursday, the various committees not being ready to report till then. Our special letter arrived just as we were going to press, too late for this week's issue. Resolutions have been passed demanding a reduction of the stand-

ing army to 25,000 men and indorsing the fight of the union printers against the New York Sun.

Messrs. Walter Young and James McGill are confident that they will bring next year's convention to Louisville. They kept open house all the week and the headquarters of the Louisville delegates were much more popular than those of the representatives of the competing cities. Many important matters are to be acted upon before the convention adjourns, which will not be before the middle of next week.

President Gompers was not able to be present, owing to the accident he met with in Washington last week.

Whether or not Congressman Roberts of Utah is a polygamist and ought not to be admitted to Congress, he has the law, precedent and equity on his side in the case thus far. His demurrer to the jurisdiction of the committee to try him on mere allegations, the right of Congress to order such trial as he has not been sworn in and is not a member of that body, his refusal to plead until specific charges are preferred and witnesses known, and finally his emphatic refusal to testify against himself, are each of them sufficient to throw a case out of court. The committee have overruled him, and in effect take the stand that he is guilty unless he can prove his innocence, which he declines to do because it is a reversal of equity that holds the accused innocent till found guilty and places the burden of proof on the accuser. Roberts has the best of it from the standpoint of law and equity, whatever the result of the case may be, and by his course he places the committee and Congress in a quandary as to how to proceed, and if the decision is against him it may be difficult to give just and legal grounds therefor. To refuse Roberts his seat simply because he is a Mormon would be religious proscription pure and simple—whatever it may be called.

The Boers have whipped the conceit out of the English and compelled the British Government to realize it has a sure enough war on its hands instead of a few months' of marching and desultory fighting to subjugate an ignorant and undisciplined people. Disaster has resulted from the beginning, and the thousands of troops under their best Generals, which were expected to rout the Boers, retrieve lost positions, overrun Natal, Orange Free State and Transvaal, capture the capitals and take possession of everything, have met repulses at every move and as yet have been unable to cross the border. Not including the losses at Mafeking, Kimberley and Ladysmith since they were besieged and cut off, the British loss aggregates about 5,000 killed, wounded and captured, no progress made, and the Boers strengthened and encouraged by repeated victories.

The Prince of Wales has resigned as Commissioner of the Paris Exposition, and England intimates it will be boycotted. The exposition will probably be held anyhow, and England's boycott will hurt nobody but England—which fact renders it likely that there will be no boycott.

ROYAL ARCH FESTIVAL.

The Royal Arch of Louisville will hold a grand festival and ball at Music Hall on the evening of January 29 that will eclipse any given this season. During the afternoon the membership will parade the principal streets in carriages. The Royal Arch embraces among its members the best class of men engaged in the retail liquor business in this city.

CHAFF.

The latest most unique, if revolting, product offered for sale on the London, Paris and Berlin markets are the skeletons of the brave Derivishes who were slain by the British guns before Omdurman. It must be remembered that these men knew nothing of fear. The bravest and hardest of a strong, courageous tribe of people, they advanced before every charge made by the English only to fall as grass before the scythe. After the fall of Omdurman at least 200 of these brave dead soldiers were stolen from the battlefield and taken to London. They are the finest specimens on the European markets because their owners were fine, athletic men in full vigor and in the prime of life. After the Franco-Prussian war there were for a time many skeletons of dead French soldiers offered for sale. These skeletons were whiter than those of Englishmen, and obtained a reader sale. For years afterward yellowish skeletons could only be sold at lower prices. After the war of the Transvaal the English will doubtless be offering for sale the sturdy skeletons of their dead enemies, the Boers, who are right now putting them to their wits' end by their skill and tactics.

War seems to be shaping even the Xmas toys. Never before were there such phenomenal guns, rough riders in battle array, drums and soldiers in blue, drawn up in every imaginable field formation. The old-time train of cars now passes through tunnels, over bridges, and stops at a station. Along the track may be seen a perfect telegraph wire. Punching bags are overlooked for the first time by boys in their eagerness for a rifle, and to them no hat is so desirable as a rough rider.

War and brutality are twin brothers, but when a rapacious, blood-stained nation such as England is hacking and tearing asunder the vitals of its enemy, then they become one—one sickening monstrosity. The charge of the Fifth Lancers at Eland's Laagte, in which they enthusiastically declared that with their lances they made "traveler's samples of the pleading, crouching, terror-stricken Boers," is one of the most horrible things in the record of nations' wars. McKinley has been asked by the native Dutch and many prominent German societies of America to intercede for the brave Boers, but his sympathies are too English, and to do so might hurt his interests and those of his pro-English friends and compatriots. His eyes have that kind of squint that turns them eastward as far as Britain's empire. Then they close in adoration of her Royal Highness Victoria. His prayerful attitude is concrete treachery, which deceives only those who are asleep.

Ignace Paderewski says he was not an "infant prodigy." This is a grain of comfort to young musicians. All masters place emotion as the parent of harmony. Without feeling there could be no life, no soul to the strains that so please the fancy, so raise or depress the heart or fire the imagination. It would cease to be a living, breathing spirit, becoming naught but a shadow. Consequently musicians who possess an emotional nature are at liberty to suppose that they have been more favored by the lost Seraph than those who possess a more solid nature. Enthusiasm, delight, tears and sadness—all are expressions of a soul "attuned to harmony."

When the snobs of New York and Washington have left this country to help Great Britain will they be allowed to come back as citizens again to America? Both women and men who have either given their money or in any manner lent their assistance to this foreign foe of ours should be ostracized forever. It is a subject that ought to be considered.

ANNIE NEVIN CUNNINGHAM.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Irish-American Society Annual Meeting Thursday Night.

Circulars have been issued notifying all members of the Irish-American Society to be present at the meeting Thursday night at Hibernian Hall, when the annual election will take place. The additional benefits now paid make this one of the best fraternal societies in Louisville, and for the present the initiation fee will be very low, so that all may have no excuse for not joining. The membership is steadily increasing and it is hoped the roll will soon embrace the names of at least one thousand Irish-Americans. The yearly reports will show the society in good condition.

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Mayor Dehoney, of Frankfort, was here Thursday.

T. Ahern left for Chicago Wednesday for a brief visit.

Theodore Barret has been spending the week at French Lick Springs.

Miss Edith Fitzgerald will spend the holidays with friends in Chicago.

E. H. Mooney, of Morton's Gap, was a guest at the Louisville Hotel Thursday.

Hon. James H. Mulligan, of Lexington, arrived here Tuesday for a brief visit.

Officer Thomas Fitzgibbons, one of the most efficient and popular men on the Louisville force, was this week compelled to forego the performance of his regular



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duties, owing to illness. His friends hope for his speedy recovery.

Mr. John P. Hines was among the Louisvillians visiting New York this week.

The Ladies of St. Mary's church, New Albany, realized nearly \$500 from their recent bazar.

Mrs. John E. Roche will give a reception at her home on Second street Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Ada Ryan, of Jeffersonville, left this week for Kansas City, where she will spend the winter.

Miss Ada M. Walsh has issued invitations for a bazar euchre for Thursday afternoon, December 28.

Miss Mary Roberts gave a dance to a number of her friends last evening at her home on West Madison street.

William Lincoln, Bank street, who has suffered from a mashed hand for some time, will soon be able to return to work.

Miss Ella Brady, who has been the guest of Miss Nicholson in Jeffersonville, left Wednesday for her home in Arkansas.

Dr. C. F. Melton is organizing a tribe of Red Men in Limerick, where he thinks there is plenty of room for an order like that.

Miss Charlotte Cooper, who is attending St. Mary's College, Knoxville, Ill., will arrive home next week for the holidays.

John Dunn, formerly of this city, is now located in St. Louis, where he is employed as clerk in a railroad office of that town.

Rev. Father Edward Clark, who came from Philadelphia to attend the funeral of Rev. Father Audran, will return to his charge Monday.

Miss Anna Murray gave a delightful informal reception Thursday in honor of her two charming guests, Misses Sarah Platt and Elizabeth Jenkins.

Miss Mamie A. Hartigan is establishing quite a reputation for herself as a progressive euchre player, having won first prize at several euchres given recently.

Edward Madden, the well known newspaper man, who has been seriously ill at St. Joseph's Infirmary for the past six weeks, has been pronounced out of danger.

Rev. Father Creery, who is well known in Limerick, is now stationed at St. John's church, where he is proving himself a valuable assistant to Rev. Father Bax.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Quinn this week entertained a number of friends at euchre and supper at their residence on Baird street. Among those present were Misses Anna McFarland, Mollie Fosse, Agnes Sheridan and Lizzie Murphy; Messrs.

George Shea, Ed Dalton, Tom O'Brien and Otto Griggs. Mrs. Quinn proved a charming hostess and her guests spent a most enjoyable evening.

John Sweeney, who has been confined to his home on Zane street for the past three weeks with a dislocated shoulder, caused by a street car accident, is reported as getting better.

John McKeirnan's services as an auctioneer have been quite in demand lately at church bazars. His friends say that his pleasing voice and winning smile encourage lively bidding.

Mike Flahive and Will Schnell are still visiting in a West Oak street neighborhood. Their friends say that two charming sisters will soon be warbling "I'll leave my happy home for you."

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In the Royal Hospital, Belfast, the City Coroner held an inquest on William Brown, forty-four years, Hilland street, who died in the Royal Hospital on Sunday morning. The Coroner in summing up said in this case the jury had only to find the cause of death. He thought there were circumstances in the case which should be investigated by the police. Independent of the doctor's evidence, other evidence had arisen which pointed to rather peculiar circumstances in the case. The jury found that death was due to hemorrhage on the brain, caused by the fracture of the skull.

HIBERNIANS.

What They Have Been Doing
the Past Week—General
News Notes.

All divisions will elect officers in January.
Division 2 received one application for membership Thursday evening.

Ed Dalton always contributes liberally to the emergency fund of his division.
State Treasurer McGinniss visited the divisions of Minneapolis and St. Paul last week.

Division 1 admitted another member Tuesday evening and referred one application.

Patrick J. Liston was not the only one who enjoyed his Irish ride Tuesday evening.
Tim Riordan, lately returned from the Philippines, was admitted to Division 4 this week.

There should be a large attendance at the general meeting of all the divisions January 3.
While Division 4 opposes consolidation her doors are open to all who wish to be transferred.

Our collector will call next week. Try and make his visit pleasant. Leave your dollar for him.

The members of Division 4 of St. Paul entertained their friends with a card party in Cretin Hall.

Joseph Woods, who made his first appearance since joining the benedicts, was given a hearty welcome.

Those members of Division 1 still having tickets are urged to return them to Mike Tynan or John Mulloy.

The committee arranging for the celebration of St. Patrick's day will meet with Division 6 Tuesday night.

The members are always glad to welcome John Keane at division meetings. They never forget the old guard.

President Hennessy received and referred seven applications Wednesday evening. And the boom continues.

Division 1 of Duluth held a successful open meeting last week, at which many applications for membership were issued.
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Treasurer John Mulloy visited Division 4 Wednesday evening. He made a fine impression but failed to convince Ed Dalton.

Con Ford and John Barrett made interesting talks Thursday night. Barrett is a born orator, and Con is fast approaching perfection.

Officer John Burns paid his semi-occasional visit to Division 2 Thursday evening. Everybody gave him a hearty shake of the hands.

The Robert Emmet Guards, of Newport, R. I., elected M. I. Kelly as Captain for next year. The active membership numbers forty-five.

The fair of Division 12 of Providence closed on Saturday evening last week, after a most successful run. Miss Maggie Mulvaney was awarded the bicycle in the voting contest.

Division 2 voted as in favor of consolidation. The question will come up for final action at the next meeting, and all absentees will be counted as voting for the proposition.

Clever Tom Riley has already proven himself the oldest young Hibernian developed recently. He will prove an able adjutant to Tom Dolan in adding life and zest to the meetings of Division 1.

Louis Perranda again fills the Secretary's chair, Tom Dolan having resigned. The Kentucky Irish American appreciates Tom's originality as a writer, and also regrets its inability to secure his services.

County President Kennedy and Secretary O'Hara, of New Albany, were interested visitors Thursday night. They extended President Meehan and all the members of his division a cordial invitation to visit New Albany in January.

The Irish Standard says the largest and most successful meeting in its history was held by Division 4 of Minneapolis last week. Fully 250 members of the order were present and listened with appreciation to informal talks by prominent Hibernians of the Twin Cities on the benefits to be derived from membership. The Pleasure Club and Glee Club of the division entertained with a delightful musical programme.

The third anniversary of the Daughters of Erin of Providence was observed Sunday evening. The ladies and a large number of guests assembled in Hibernian Hall and enjoyed a very entertaining programme. County President Mrs. Finley made an address, and after the musical and literary exercises an appetizing repast was served, to which all did justice. The affair was one for which the Visitor says the ladies deserve great credit.

The grand ball of the Hibernian Knights of Providence Mouday evening of last week was a complete social success. The hall was crowded as it had never been before on a like occasion, and the command was happy at the success achieved. Tuesday evening the fair of the Knights opened up auspiciously and there is every prospect that another success will result. State President Quinn and President Thomas Madden had charge of the exercises.

The State Board of Directors of the Hibernian life insurance fund met last week in St. Paul and elected John Mahoney, of Hennepin county, State Secretary. The former Secretary was compelled to resign because of his pressing duties in the State insurance department. The fund is in a prosperous condition, all claims being paid and a balance on hand of \$10,000. The board has offered a series of prizes to the divisions throughout Minnesota showing the largest per centage of increase prior to April 1 next.

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What He Saw In the Churchyard.

A CHRISTMAS DREAM

The faintest trace of snow had blown away and a cold drizzling rain was setting down over the city.

"Tis a green grave," he said, "after all, an' a fat grave, an' I'll be makin' it, if what th' ould man says does be true," sighed Mary, regretfully, wrapping her hands in her apron and leaning shivering across the half-door. "More be token, there goes little Billy MacCarthy wid a bundle o' sticks, the crathurs; masha, 'tis a poor Christmas 'twill be to thim, Dinnis." In a wheedling tone, with a backward glance over her shoulder into the dark interior, lighted only by the ruddy gleam of the turf fire, "tis could an' hungry they'll be tomorrow, the crathurs, an' us wid lashins an' lavins o' mate and male."

"An' a shiftless lot are thim same MacCarthys," gruffly retorted Dennis, huddling his great coat on as he spoke, "an' it's the bit an' sup out o' yer own children's mouths ye'd give away, Mary Connors, av ye were let."

And with the inhospitable words the burly farmer strode from the door and went rapidly down the fast darkening lane, while Mary stood looking after him and the little ones stood on their tiptoes to gaze over the top of the half-door.

"Sure, he's growin' harder every day. I don't know what's come over him at all, at all," she explained.

A greenish light was fading in the sky above the western hills and the road was a confused mingling of dark ruts and little shining patches where the late fallen snow had melted into little pools that caught the last glimpse of light and held it in a silvery gleam.

Dennis marched on, his form in the huge great-coat making a black blur among the slender dark skeletons of trees and bushes that stood out against the sky. He muttered to himself in the collar of his coat as he tramped along, and so occupied was he with his uncharitable thoughts that, ere he knew it, his foot had caught in something and he fell heavily, striking his head, and with a sense of violent pain, losing all consciousness of his surroundings.

As the farmer's senses slowly returned his opening eyes fell on the strangest sight he had ever beheld, and, with limbs stiffening with horror, he raised himself slowly and gazed wide-eyed at a Head, which lay in the middle of the road—a head with a pale, sardonic face, dark hair curling round it and black eyes that rested on the terrified Dennis with unwinking severity.

"Take me up, Dennis," suddenly called the grim lips.

"Sure I will, sor," cried Dennis, with abject readiness, though his teeth were chattering, and he approached the strange object and gingerly raised it and held it on the arm of his coat. "An' where would yer honor be wishing to go?"

"To the churchyard," came in deep, ominous tones.

A stifled groan broke from the wretched Dennis. He set off, however, carefully now and slowly down the rugged road and through a gap in the broken wall that surrounded the lonesome dark abode of the dead.

As he passed across an old, old mouldering tombstone that lay face downward upon the ground, the Head suddenly leaped from his hold and floated before him, suspended in the air, while a weird, gray light played gleaming about the sardonic features that still regarded the shaking farmer with severe calmness.

"Follow me, Dennis," spoke the authoritative voice, and before Dennis could ask where the tombstone swung back and revealed a deep cavity, from which floated a gray misty vapor, which enveloped the farmer, who now seemed to lose all sense of personality. He stepped lightly on the mist and felt himself gently floating downward, preceded by the grimly smiling Head.

At the bottom of the deep recess a low arch presented itself, and stooping to look inside, Dennis beheld a mean, small chamber hung with festoons of cobwebs and floored and walled by old grave-stones, over which ran numberless rats and strange creeping things.

Cowering in the middle of the room was an old, withered woman, who rushed forward as Dennis appeared and with a fearful smile and many engaging gestures held out to him in a skeleton hand two very small, hard potatoes. Dennis rubbed his head, glanced from the potatoes to the old woman and back again. She continued to grin affably and shook impatiently the hand that held her miserable offering.

"Thank ye kindly, ma'am," gasped the farmer at last; "sure I couldn't take them. Ye'll be wantin' thim yerself, down here."

At his refusal the engaging smile vanished from the features of the hag and, with eyes glaring with disappointment and fury, she rushed toward the hesitating Dennis, who in turn stumbled backward and fell, he hardly knew how, just out of reach of the malevolent, outstretched claws, and at the same moment the ashen light disappeared and the silence was broken by a burst of music and laughter, to the delightful sounds of which came pouring in from all sides crowds of gorgeously attired ladies and gentlemen, venerable minstrels and troops of fair children, all enveloped in a rosy light that rolled and piled itself into a semblance of castle walls, fair meadows and towering hills and trees and bushes hung with rare fruits and brilliant blossoms.

In the midst of this gay company moved one very beautiful lady, who seemed to be their queen, and round whom they thronged to bestow on her their gifts of jewels and gold.

Dennis stood amazed, shrinking against the wall, and wondering what great company he was in. Suddenly by his side appeared the Head, now erect and smiling upon the shoulders of a noble and brilliantly attired form.

"Well, Dennis," said his strange acquaintance kindly, "did you think we had such gala times down here under the sod?"

"Sure, 'tis beautiful intirely," replied Dennis admiringly, "an' might I make bold to ax who is the queen herself beyant?"

"That, Dennis, is my wife," said the other. "She was noted during her life on earth for her charity and generosity to the poor. Hence she was on her advent here made queen and ruler over all the spirit company. That other whom you saw a little while ago was my first wife, but so close and mean was she in life that she never offered to friend or beggar more than the value of those two small potatoes. Therefore she is obliged to wait in her damp, lone vault until some mortal will accept her miserable offering, and only once in a hundred years is any one permitted to descend and give her an opportunity of release."

As he ceased speaking the gay company parted and made a shining lane down which the glittering queen came floating. She stopped and gazed at Dennis. "Is this the mortal," she cried, reproachfulness sounding in the flute-like tones, "who refuses to give of his store to aid his starving neighbor?" And all the brilliant company took up the cry and came thronging about the wretched farmer, brushing him with their robes and peering into his face, chorusing in a confused clangor of reproach and threat and silvery regret, "Is this the mortal who refuses to aid his starving neighbor?"

Dennis sank upon his knees and hid his face in his hands. The clamor and rushing grew louder and more confused, and he crouched lower and lower until suddenly he knew that the queen was holding out her hand to him and he grasped it, it turned in his hand into the rough wet branch of a tree, and lo! the gay, clamoring scene had vanished and he was lying in the darkness and silence upon the road where he had fallen at twilight.

The dawn was faintly gleaming behind the hills when Dennis, stiff and cold, appeared at the door of his cottage, and his wife, tearful and wan with watching, received him with joy. "Arrah, Dinnis, where were ye at all? Sure, I didn't sleep a wink wid the terror."

"Tis lyin' in the road I was, Mary, wid the senses gone from me from hittin' me poor head whin I fell over the roots of th' ould rowan-tree beyant. An' a queer dhrame I had, Mary, that I'll tell ye. But whisper, Acushla—maybe 'twould be better, after all, if ye'd make up a bundle o' the best in the house an' take it down to the MacCarthys, the crathurs, bimeby. Sure, 'tis Christmas day, Mary, an' Christmas comes but want a year."

Wise Mary said no word, but turned, smiling, to extinguish the Christmas candle that had flared faintly the whole night through and kept its watch with her.

SARAH BLENNERHASSETT.
—[New York Gael.]

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Catherine Murray, whose death occurred recently at Chapel Ground, Arklow, had attained the advanced age of eighty-five years.

The death of Agnes Byrne, aged sixty-three years, occurred at Ash College, Ranelagh. Her remains were interred at Kilmacogue, County Wicklow.

The death of the Rev. Sir Algernon Coot at Ballyfin House, Queens county, is announced. He was in his eighty-third year, and the Premier Baronet of Ireland.

James Hughes' death at Monkstown cast a gloom over the County Dublin. He was one of the old school of Irishmen, eighty-three years old, and very highly respected by his large number of acquaintances throughout the city and county.

A woman named Henrietta St. Clair or Sinclair was arrested in Belfast on a charge of having attempted to poison her husband at Moville, County Donegal. The arrest was effected at 27 Fairview street. She was conveyed to Donegal by the Constable.

At the conclusion of the business in the Custody Court, Belfast, an interesting ceremony took place, when Mr. Garrett Nagle presented Mr. John Brock with a certificate of the Royal Humane Society for saving the life of a woman who threw herself into the Lagan in August last with the intention of committing suicide.

John O'Donnell, Organizing Secretary of the United Irish League, was served with a summons at Doherty's Hotel, Mullingar, to attend a Petty Sessions in Ballinalee, to answer a charge of having in a speech which he delivered at Ballinalee intimidated a man named Hagan, who was alleged to have grabbed a farm some years ago in that locality.

The Gorey and Enniscorthy Boards of Guardians have unanimously decided to co-operate in the movement inaugurated by Cardinal Logue's Committee for the restoration of the evicted tenants in their homes. At the last meeting of the Gorey board a committee was appointed and an appeal was issued to the two guardians of each division in the union to organize a collection at the doors of the Catholic churches.

The proposal to establish a school under the agricultural and industries act in the Midlands, the disused workhouse at Donoughmoa being utilized for the purpose, has just been brought under the notice of the Hon. Horace Plunkett, who is to visit the premises along with Lord Castletown, of Upper Ossory, and the committees of the Queen's County District Council and the Roscrea Rural District Council. The building is situated within the boundary of the last-named body and is in perfect repair. It has eleven acres of land attached and has already been reported on as peculiarly suitable.

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PERSONAL AND SOCIETY GOSSIP.

[Special Correspondence of the Kentucky Irish American.]

LEXINGTON, Dec. 14.—Our first letter to the Kentucky Irish American started with a list of marriages, and as we have been silent for some time the occasion justifies commencing again with them. Of course there will be no weddings in Catholic circles this month, but in the early part of January and the new year there are several couples who will begin a new life, and we can but wish them much joy and a long and happy future. The courtship of some has been of long duration, that of others short—almost love at first sight. First a word as to those who have recently become beneficiaries.

The wedding of Peter Dempsey, of Washington Court-House, Ohio, and Miss Virginia Richardson, of this city, was a very elegant affair and the happy couple received many costly and handsome presents. We are a little late, but nevertheless congratulate them and wish both a long and happy life.

The next was the union of Col. John B. Rogers and Miss Kathryn Norton, both of this city. The groom was formerly foreman of the Kentucky Stock Farm, but is now one of the leading grocers of the metropolis of the Bluegrass. He was also for a number of years a member of the Board of Police Commissioners. Miss Norton, the bride, is one of Lexington's fairest daughters and a most estimable young lady, who numbered her admirers by the score. They were the recipients of many congratulations and also a large number of elegant presents.

There were several other weddings during our long silence, but the foregoing were the most prominent. Among those who will marry after the beginning of the new year are Garret Welsh and Miss Mayme Farrell, both of this city. Mr. Welsh is the popular clerk at the Palace Hotel, while the bride-elect is a well-known and highly accomplished young lady. They will be united about January 20.

The engagement is also announced of B. Stewart and Miss Mayme Matlack, both of Lexington, whose nuptials will be solemnized during the latter part of January. There are several other couples reported, but as they have not yet authorized public announcement we will reserve their names for a future issue.

Speaking about marriages reminds me that there are a number of couples in this city who have been keeping company, some of them for the last ten years, who can not sum up courage enough to "pop the question." They do not take into consideration the number of tons of coal they have burned (of course Mike Cronin does not object to this) and the time they have consumed, or the unusual amount of money spent for candies, soda water (and of course John McGurk also does not object), Christmas gifts, theater tickets and numerous other things, and the suggestion is made to the young ladies to help those shy young things just a little bit, when they will say the work and say it quick. Boys, take warning and profit by this ere somebody comes along and takes them away from you, leaving you with broken hearts.

The funeral of John P. Savage, who was killed Friday, occurred Sunday afternoon and was one of the largest that ever took place in Lexington, and the many and handsome floral offerings showed the esteem in which he was held. The deceased was a most estimable young man, and in his death the Southern railway lost a valued employee and his family a kind, devoted and loving son and brother. He was a member of Barry Council, and a large number turned out to pay their last respects.

Michael Grady, aged fifty-two years, a well-known and highly respected citizen, died Monday morning, causing inexpressible grief among a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. His funeral took place Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter McNally left Monday to visit their children at Memphis, Tenn., and Jericho, Ark., where their married daughter resides.

The Burlington Social Club has given several hops during the past few months, and now seems to be a fixture for the winter season.

Mr. James Beitz, formerly of this city, but now of Newport News, is here visiting his mother, and will probably remain till after the holidays.

James M. Byrnes, the well known printer and stationer, and Victor Bogart, the jeweler, are reported quite sick.

The large photograph made for the Y. M. I. by Van Hoose has been completed and is now being displayed in the show window of the Kaufman Clothing Company. It is not only a beauty, but will be valuable for many years to come. This picture is one of the largest of its kind in the State and contains the photographs of 140 young men of this city. It measures about seven feet square.

ever before, all due to his untiring efforts. It is predicted that the coming term will prove more successful than that just past. He is a worthy young man, one of the youngest in the council, and deserved the high compliment paid him by the members of Barry, who think he is the best that ever held the office.

Mike J. Cronin, Marshal-elect, was also paid a high compliment for his valiant services during the past year. All feel sure that he will discharge wisely in choosing a good man for her Marshal during the coming term. He came with the same view as the same vote for F. J. Cronin.

The council receiving the next highest vote was John Sullivan for the Executive Committee, he being elected for his second term, and all that has been said for the above can also be said for him.

It can also be said that Vice President Murphy and Treasurer Houlihan and Committeeman Danahy, all hold-overs, have made good officers, and the boys have shown their appreciation by re-electing them. The following is the complete list for 1900:

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The installation, which takes place the first Tuesday in January will be looked forward to with much interest, as the occasion is considered the banner one of the year in Y. M. I. circles.

John F. Dineen, the well known Lexingtonian in the Philippines, has been mustered out of the army, and will visit Asia, Africa and Europe, completing his tour at Paris. He expects to arrive in America about the first of next October.

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THEATRICALS.

For next week the Buckingham will offer its patrons what promises to be the best burlesque and vaudeville combination that has yet been seen here in Lawrence Weber's Dainty Duchess Company. Weber is the pioneer in the line of high



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"McFadden's Row of Flats" is the title of a farce-comedy which comes to the Avenue next week, and is synonymous with all that is novel, amusing and entertaining in this class of attractions. This is the third year it has been before



the public and each succeeding season it seems to more than duplicate its former triumphs, as the management not only makes good but more than fulfills their promises. The company this season, embracing a cast of twenty-eight people, has again been carefully selected, and many original novelties and alterations for the better will be seen. The electrical effects and stage settings are all especially new and are carried by the company, so that the smallest detail has the same attention as the largest.

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It is a well known fact that Louisville people are in a far more prosperous condition than for several Christmases just past, and in view of this fact our merchants will vie with each other in providing for their establishments unique and attractive displays of their holiday wares.

One large store of this city in particular is always a sort of Santa Claus headquarters. The children from year to year look forward with joyful anticipation to the time when J. Bacon & Sons, on Market street, between Preston and Jackson, shall announce to the public that their ever popular displays are ready for inspection.

The announcement came Saturday, and in the afternoon hundreds of little girls and boys were crying "to go to Bacon's." Indulgent mothers could not resist, nor did they even try, for it must not be forgotten that grown people love to see Bacon's windows just the same as the little people. The consequence was that early Saturday afternoon the usual crowd had gathered about the well-known "east window," which is a household word all over Louisville for its ingenious Christmas displays. The sidewalks were soon blocked, and it was with great difficulty that the freight handlers unloaded the great wagons, full of Christmas novelties, that were lined up against the curbing.

The famous "east window" this season presents to the astonished eyes of the little one three wonderful jugglers and a tight-rope walker. The latter is a fanciful figure, dressed in pink and blue, who does surprising things on the tight rope. Every now and then the children would clutch mamma's hand, thinking the harlequin was going to fall. But not so. Instead it was just a little trick of his to surprise them.

Then, while a grotesque little Filipino girl plays upon an accordion, and a towhee headed African thrums his banjo, the figure raises his foot, thrusts it through a hoop in his left hand, and then coquettishly waves his red and yellow parasol. While you are wondering how he is going to get out of his position he suddenly solves it for you, retracting his pedal in the same way which it went through at the beginning.

The three jugglers are very captivating themselves. The first, who is as gaudily dressed as the Humpty Dumpty pictures of our childhood, is a magician without seeing. Some of Bacon's little admirers are talking of inviting Hermann, the great, to come up and see a "sure enough" prestidigitator, who deftly knocks his own head off with a fan, finds it in a dice box, and with a second wave of his wonderful fan restores it to his shoulders. If Hermann can beat this, they say, he is a genius, to be sure.

The second juggler is not far behind in astonishing feats. He has a very wise look upon his face all the time, and you can easily see that he knows a lot more than you might at first glance suppose. He does his trick with a big, high hat and a flaming red handkerchief. He smiles as he lays the handkerchief over the hat, and you feel right away that he knows his business. Then, all of a sudden, he lifts the covering, thrusts his hand in the hat and pulls out—a mouse! It is really wonderful, and the children clap their hands in genuine glee. Covering the hat again, the magician smiles pleasantly, and then reaches in and takes out the cutest little rabbit you ever saw.

The third juggler stands at a little table. He wears a comical peaked hat, like a clown in a circus, which he takes off and places over the table. When he lifts the hat you behold a beautiful gold ring lying upon the table. Then he covers the ring and table with the hat for the second time, and when he next lifts it you see a football where the ring lay. For the third time he does his marvelous trick, and lo! there lies on the table a die. Through the entire performance the Filipino maid and the little negro boy play on their respective instruments, just as if they had been used to seeing such things all their lives.

On the inside the display is pretty nearly as much like fairyland as the pantomime in the window. The toy room is more dazzling and attractive than ever before, and the children's delight is proportionately increased. One very strong attraction is a long glass case filled with dolls of all sizes and nationalities. Mechanical toys abound in great profusion, all plainly marked with their price in large figures.

J. Bacon & Sons have long enjoyed an enviable distinction for the ingeniousness of their holiday displays, and the present one will add to their already widespread fame.

HARD FALL.

John J. Cavanaugh, who is employed in the Louisville & Nashville railroad paint shops, fell from a scaffold last Tuesday afternoon, spraining both wrists and receiving an ugly cut in the head. It will be a week or two before he will be able to be out.

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